## **REMARKS**

Claims 46-63 and 76-81 are pending in the application.

Claims 46-63 and 76-78 have been rejected.

Claims 79-81 have been allowed.

No Claims have been amended.

## I. <u>DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION</u>

Claims 46-63 and 76-78 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-15 of US Patent No. 6,721,410.

Applicant hereby submits a proper and timely terminal disclaimer.

## II. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant asserts that the remaining Claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests an early allowance of such Claims.

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If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at rmccutcheon@munckcarter.com.

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